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December 11, 2000

The City Council met in special session at the hour of 5:28 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on the day above written to consider the Fresno 2000 General Plan.

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| Present: | Garry Bredefeld | Acting Council President |
| | Chris Mathys | Councilmember |
| | Henry Perea | Councilmember |
| | Dan Ronquillo | Councilmember |
| | Ken Steitz | Councilmember |
| | Tom Boyajian | Council President |

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| Absent: | Sal Quintero | Councilmember (Family illness) |
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Andy Souza, Interim City Manager
Hilda Cantu Montoy, City Attorney
Rebecca Klisch, City Clerk
Yolanda Salazar, Assistant City Clerk

Councilmember Mathys announced Developer John Bonadelle was in the hospital in intensive care and was not expected to live and called for a moment of silence.

City Clerk Klisch advised Councilmember Quintero was absent due to family illness and he would be listening to tape recordings of the general plan proceedings.

(5:00 P.M.) HEARING ON THE FRESNO 2000 GENERAL PLAN (AS AN UPDATE TO THE 1984 FRESNO GENERAL PLAN) AND DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT NO. 10123 (AS INITIATED BY COUNCIL ON JANUARY 11, 2000); FOUR PLAN MODIFICATIONS; ADOPTION OF CONCOMITANT LAND USE AND CIRCULATION MAP, AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S EXISTING BULLARD, WOODWARD PARK, HOOVER, MCLANE, ROOSEVELT, CENTRAL AREA, FRESNO HIGH-ROEDING, AND EDISON COMMUNITY PLANS, AND TO THE FRESNO YOSEMITE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND ENVIRONS SPECIFIC PLAN, MASTER PARKS PLAN, AND THE MASTER TRAILS MANUAL; AND THE WEST AREA COMMUNITY PLAN

1. RESOLUTION -CERTIFYING EIR NO. 10123, AS RELATED TO THE 2000 GENERAL PLAN, APPROVAL OF FOUR PLAN MODIFICATIONS, APPROVAL OF CONCOMITANT LAND USE AND CIRCULATION MAP AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S EXISTING BULLARD, WOODWARD PARK, HOOVER, MCLANE, ROOSEVELT, CENTRAL AREA, FRESNO HIGH-ROEDING, AND EDISON COMMUNITY PLANS, AND TO THE FRESNO YOSEMITE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND ENVIRONS SPECIFIC PLAN, MASTER PARKS PLAN, AND THE MASTER TRAILS MANUAL; AND THE WEST AREA COMMUNITY PLAN

a. FINDING STATEMENT - CERTAIN MEASURES ARE REQUIRED OR INCORPORATED INTO THE PROJECT AVOIDING OR SUBSTANTIALLY LESSENING SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS

b. FINDING AND STATEMENT - CITY LACKS AUTHORITY TO MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES LESSENING OR AVOIDING SIGNIFICANT EFFECT, BUT ANOTHER AGENCY HAS AND SHOULD EXERCISE AUTHORITY TO ADOPT SUCH CHANGES

- c. FINDING AND STATEMENT - CHANGES TO LESSEN OR AVOID CERTAIN SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS BELOW A LEVEL LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT ARE INFEASIBLE FOR ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, LEGAL, TECHNOLOGICAL OR OTHER CONSIDERATIONS
- d. FINDINGS ON PROJECT ALTERNATIVES
- e. STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS - SPECIFIC ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS OUTWEIGH UNAVOIDABLE ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OR RISKS, AND SUPPORT PROJECT APPROVAL
- f. MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM

2. RESOLUTION - CONSIDER THE FRESNO 2000 GENERAL PLAN AND PLAN MODIFICATIONS, AND CORRESPONDING AMENDMENTS TO THE LAND USE AND CIRCULATION MAPS OF THE EDISON, ROOSEVELT, CENTRAL AREA, FRESNO HIGH-ROEDING, MCLANE, BULLARD, HOOVER AND WOODWARD PARK COMMUNITY PLANS, THE FRESNO YOSEMITE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND ENVIRONS SPECIFIC PLAN, THE MASTER PARKS PLAN, AND THE MASTER TRAILS MANUAL

3. RESOLUTION - ADOPTION OF THE WEST AREA COMMUNITY PLAN

4. BILL - AMENDING THE FRESNO-YOSEMITE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND ENVIRONS SPECIFIC PLAN IN CONNECTION WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE FRESNO 2000 GENERAL PLAN AND EIR NO. 10123

President Boyajian announced the time had arrived to consider the issue and reopened the hearing.

Councilmember Perea acknowledged the three Councilmembers-elect in the audience and advised they had requested Council delay further hearings until they came on board next year, noted the Council subcommittee met this date with Clovis to discuss their general plan and Fresno County had concluded the City's signature was required for approval of that plan, and stated although the meeting was very productive more discussions were needed before agreement could be reached by all three entities on the spheres for the next 20 years, and made a motion to delay the general plan until February 2001, for the new Council, and as part of the motion gave direction to staff on key points, which motion was seconded and acted upon after discussion.

Upon question of Councilmember Mathys, Jeff Harris, Building Industry Association, and Development Director Yovino stated they had no problem with the motion to delay. Councilmember Mathys spoke in support of the delay and requested the new Council take the following issues into consideration: (1) larger lot homeowners in the area west of Freeway 99 do not want the City in their back yard; (2) transitional down-zoning should be imposed in the Fowler/Locan/Dakota and Shields area; and (3) be realistic relative to Copper River, extend the sphere line to Solaxco Avenue, and be sensitive to the environment, elaborating on each issue.

Acting President Bredefeld stated he would support the delay due to the talks with Clovis and staff, stated he was disappointed Council did not adopt the general plan after dealing with it for several years emphasizing it was a good plan with plenty of room to grow up, noted his concern, if the sphere were to be extended, was immediate development in the northeast and southeast and not just control of the land with development as needed, stated he hoped the County would follow through on its verbal commitments to direct growth to the urban areas, and stated he hoped the new council would remain firm with the County relative to tax sharing.

Councilmember Ronquillo also spoke in support of the delay, emphasized meetings needed to occur routinely and regularly to satisfy as many as possible, and commented on the need for Fresno to create its own strong economic base and on the need to be able to adjust and adapt to the inevitable growth. President Boyajian briefly commented on the need for smart growth, subsidizing the inner-city, and on giving people a choice in where to live.

On motion of Councilmember Perea, seconded by Councilmember Mathys, duly carried, RESOLVED, the hearing on the 2000 General Plan continued to February 2001, and key points and/or direction to staff as follows:

1. Fresno County shall be a part of the negotiations with the City of Fresno and staff directed to immediately arrange a meeting;
2. In agreements related to approval of Sphere of Influence boundaries or annexation, the County shall treat the cities of Fresno and Clovis with economic equity. Any procedural or processing requirements applicable to the City shall be no more burdensome, restrictive, or less favorable than those of other Fresno County cities;
3. The northwest Clovis Village should not be developed unless appropriate federal and state regulatory agencies determine that there will be no long-term adverse water impacts on the City of Fresno;
4. The City should have land use authority over the extended northeast, southeast and southwest areas shown on General Plan Alternative 10Z. This authority does not necessarily assume that these areas will develop with urban uses, but will guarantee that the City has the ability to adequately implement its adopted plans and policies; and
5. The County will stop all rural residential lot splits within Fresno and Clovis Spheres of Influence, included as part of the motion, by the following vote:

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| Ayes | : | Bredefeld, Mathys, Perea, Ronquillo, Steitz, Boyajian |
| Noes | : | None |
| Absent | : | Quintero |

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the Council, the hour of 6:03 p.m. having arrived and hearing no objections, President Boyajian declared the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, December 12^h at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVED on the 9th day of January, 2001.

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| _____ Tom Boyajian, Past Council President | ATTEST: _____ Yolanda Salazar, Assistant City Clerk |
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